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21 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Procurement

FROM : Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT : CIA Legislative Program, 1952.

1. Reference is made to a memorandum of 15 November 1951 from the Legislative Counsel to the Chief of Procurement on the above subject and to our conversation on the questions raised in that memorandum. I understand that the position of the Office of Procurement is as follows:

2. It is desirable to have the additional authorities contained in the mentioned sections of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947, in order to provide for negotiation of contracts on vouchered funds in the future, when there may not be a state of national emergency.

3. No objection is made to incorporation of these additional sections by reference in our own Act. Further study will be necessary before advancing an opinion on the feasibility of redrafting Section 3 of our Act so as to do away with reference to the Procurement Act. The Procurement Office will be glad to appoint someone to study this matter with the Legislative Counsel.

4. The Procurement Office does not urge the securing of legislation authorizing purchase of special clothing.

5. The Procurement Office has not been handicapped by the purchasing requirements mentioned in paragraph 13 of the Legislative Counsel's memorandum. There have been instances where requisitioning activities of the Agency were unsatisfactory with procurement from the mandatory sources mentioned. However, Procurement is not aware that the situation is serious enough to require legislation. Apparently, necessary exceptions can be made under the Acts in question or under Section 10 of our Act. If such is not the case, Procurement will be glad to lend its support to securing legislation. The Office of Administrative Services should be consulted regarding the item concerning the Government Printing Office.

6. Legislation is apparently needed to facilitate the importation of war materials.

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